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In re Application of
Carsten Bingel et al
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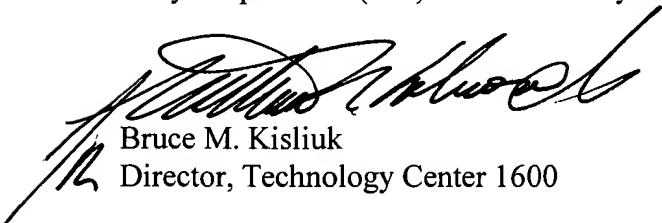
This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed May 12, 2003, requesting withdrawal of abandonment based on a timely filed reply.

A review of the file history shows the examiner mailed a non-Final Office action to applicants on September 30, 2002 setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Upon failure to receive a reply a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicants on May 6, 2003. Applicants state that a timely reply was filed on February 27, 2003 (Certificate of mailing date), including a request and fee for a two month extension of time, and provide a copy of the response with Certificate of mailing dated February 27, 2003, and an Office date stamped return postcard dated March 4, 2003, showing that the Office received the reply. In view of the evidence presented it is concluded that applicants replied in a timely manner. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is withdrawn and the application restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, PO BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.


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